

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Jeff Essmann, on February 7, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 152
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jeff Essmann, Chair (R)
Rep. Kelly Flynn, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Zach Brown (D)
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Rep. Dave Fern (D)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)
Rep. James O'Hara (R)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)
Rep. Tom Welch (R)
Rep. Kerry White (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Tom Jacobson, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Ron Ehli (R)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Adam Hertz (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Margot Miltenberger, Committee Secretary
Megan Moore, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 30, 1/31/2017; HB 308, 2/1/2017

HEARING ON HB 308**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:12 Rep. Casey Schreiner (D), HD 26, opened the hearing on HB 308, Provide for apprenticeship tax credit with increased amount for veterans.

Proponents:

00:04:00 Ken Fichtler, Governor's Office of Economic Development
00:04:19 Rep. A. Hertz joined the meeting
00:07:12 Commissioner Pam Bucy, Department of Labor and Industry
00:13:43 John Cech, Montana University System
00:18:42 Kirk Lacy, Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)
00:19:50 Dexter Thiel, Self
00:26:01 Brian Johnson, Core Control

EXHIBIT(tah27a01)

00:28:55 Chad Marks, Core Control
00:32:13 Stephen Harness, Self
00:34:45 Rep. Jacobson joined the meeting
00:35:11 Dr. Susan Wolff, Great Falls College MSU
00:36:37 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce
00:38:20 Mark Maki, Self
00:40:26 John Forkan, Montana State Association of Plumbers and Pipe Fitters
00:41:13 John Gordon, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
00:41:32 Joseph Willauer, Headwaters RC&D, Montana Economic Developers Association
00:42:42 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association
00:44:02 Ronda Wiggers, Helena Chamber of Commerce, Montana Water Well Drillers
00:45:38 Margaret Morgan, Independent Electrical Contractors
00:46:54 Chris Cavazos, MT AFL-CIO
00:47:37 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Businesses
00:47:55 J.D. Lynch, Teamster Union Number Two, IBW 44, Montana Construction and Building Trades
00:48:28 Paul Teagle, Goodman Group
00:50:43 Todd O'Hair, Cloud Peak Energy
00:51:18 Jim Nolan, Human Resource Development Council
00:52:02 Gary White, American Legion of Montana
00:52:23 Bob Schwegel, Veterans of Foreign Wars
00:52:42 Valerie Piet, Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

Opponents: None

Informational Witnesses: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:56:11 Rep. Redfield
00:56:32 Kirk Lacy, DLI
01:02:35 Rep. Redfield
01:03:17 Kirk Lacy, DLI
01:05:36 Rep. A. Hertz

01:06:08 Rep. Schreiner
01:07:12 Rep. A. Hertz
01:08:08 Rep. Schreiner
01:09:10 Rep. Beard
01:09:33 Stephen Harness, Self
01:10:17 Rep. Beard
01:10:40 Chad Marks, Core Control
01:12:52 Chair Essmann
01:14:18 Dexter Thiel, Self
01:19:12 Rep. Jacobson
01:19:30 Dave Crum, Great Falls Public Schools Foundation, State Workforce Investment Board
01:25:55 Rep. Beard
01:26:22 Rep. Schreiner
01:27:44 Chair Essmann
01:30:16 Valerie Piet, DLI
01:32:27 Chair Essmann
01:32:59 Valerie Piet, DLI
01:33:14 Rep. Flynn
01:34:06 Rep. Schreiner

Closing by Sponsor:

01:35:24 Rep. Schreiner

EXHIBIT(tah27a02)

01:38:37 Rep. G. Hertz joined the meeting
01:40:10 Recessed
01:53:42 Reconvened, Chair Essmann relinquished the chair to Vice Chair Flynn

HEARING ON HB 30**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:53:59 Rep. Jeff Essmann (R), HD 54, opened the hearing on HB 30, Remove voted levies approved after creation of TIF from tax increment provision.

EXHIBIT(tah27a03)**Proponents:**

01:59:30 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
02:00:45 Kevin Nelson, Self

Opponents:

02:03:29 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Building Industry Association
02:05:22 Brian Obert, Montana Economic Developers Association (MEDA)

Informational Witnesses:

02:07:43 Ed Caplis, Department of Revenue (DOR)
02:07:55 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association (MCTA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:09:21	Rep. A. Hertz
02:09:57	Rep. Essmann
02:10:14	Rep. Fern
02:11:35	Ed Caplis, DOR
02:12:07	Rep. Fern
02:12:35	Ed Caplis, DOR
02:12:44	Rep. Welch
02:13:08	Ronda Wiggers, MCTA
02:13:32	Rep. Jacobson
02:14:06	Brian Obert, MEDA
02:14:58	Rep. Jacobson
02:15:18	Brian Obert, MEDA
02:16:11	Rep. Jacobson
02:16:36	Rep. Essmann
02:17:36	Rep. G. Hertz
02:18:07	Brian Obert, MEDA
02:18:51	Rep. G. Hertz

Closing by Sponsor:

02:19:14	Rep. Essmann
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Committee Business:

02:21:08	Chair Essmann
02:23:10	Ed Caplis, Department of Revenue (DOR)
02:23:38	Chair Essmann

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:24:26

Margot Miltenberger, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tah27aad.pdf](#))